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Virginia Hill, Siegel's Friend, 'Marked for Death,' Again Attempts to End Life

Virginia Hill, the playgirl friend of dead gangster Bugsy Siegel, has tried a second time to end her life, but was not successful.

The new attempt, it was learned here yesterday, was at Monte Carlo, France, where she apparently was in hiding from gunmen said to have been dispatched from the United States to kill her.

As in her first try at Las Vegas, Nev., Virginia sought suicide by swallowing sleeping tablets.

She swallowed a tube of tablets and was found unconscious in her room at an exclusive Monte Carlo hotel on July 8. Taken to the Monaco Hospital, she was discharged the next day and

news of the affair was withheld. Late yesterday a woman who said she was Virginia Hill telephoned the Paris office of a New York newspaper from Reserve de Beaulieu, well known hotel between Nice and Monte Carlo, but the hotel denied she was staying there.

"I am not hiding," the woman said. "I am sick and nursing myself at Beaulieu."

"The newspapers say two men came over here to shoot me. They can come ahead. They will find me here."

Asked about Siegel's living at her Beverly Hills house, she said:

"Why shouldn't he have had keys to the house? What's wrong with that?"

Virginia's first effort in Las Vegas came after a quarrel with

Siegel. When she recovered consciousness, she assertedly told Bugsy he was marked for death and begged that both of them get out of town before he was murdered.

A short time later Virginia left for Paris and within two weeks Siegel was riddled by rifle fire in Miss Hill's Beverly Hills home.

Police here believe Virginia knows "too much" about Bugsy's slaying and that she has been marked for death.

Meanwhile, Police Chief P. R. Short of Miami, Fla., said he was checking reports that two gunmen have arrived in Miami to "await arrival" of Virginia. She bought a home there in 1946 and reportedly has ordered it be reopened.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

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VIRGINIA HILL TRIES SUICIDE, POLICE SAY

Friend of Slain Bugsie Siegel Reported to Be Hiding in France From Los Angeles Gunmen

NICE (France) July 15 (AP)—Virginia Hill, friend of the lately liquidated Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel, tried to kill herself at an exclusive Monte Carlo beach hotel where she was in hiding from Los Angeles gunmen sent to shoot her also, police said tonight.

Miss Hill swallowed a full tube of sleeping tablets in the attempt, police said, but hotel employees found her in her room and she was sent to the Villa Albert I Clinic, where she recovered.

Discharged Later

She was discharged from the clinic, operated by the Monte Carlo Hospital, last Friday, two days after the attempt, it was said.

Miss Hill had come to France the week before Siegel was shot to death June 20 through a front window of her Beverly Hills home in which he was staying.

She talked freely in Paris of Siegel.

It was reported from Los Angeles last week that two gunmen

had been sent to Paris to liquidate her, as they had rubbed out Siegel, because she knew too much and talked too much.

Tries to Hide in Monte Carlo

Police believe that Miss Hill left her Paris hotel secretly and went to nearby Monte Carlo to hide.

The police and attendants at the Albert I Clinic indicated that her condition was serious when she was found but physicians managed to save her, they said.

Police said they believe Miss Hill despaired of eluding the gunmen reported to be on the way to France.

Miss Hill Took Overdose in Las Vegas May 5

Virginia Hill, in whose Beverly Hills home Bugsie Siegel was slain June 20, and who attempted suicide in France, according to dispatches yesterday, once before took an overdose of sleeping tablets, it was recalled here.

She was hospitalized in Las Vegas, Nev., May 5, after a quarrel with Siegel.

At that time Siegel successively drove her to a doctor's office, to a hospital and to his Flamingo Club.

She left for Paris June 14.

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Second Bugsy box located

Another safety deposit box held by the late Bugsy Siegel has been uncovered. Atty. Gen. Fred N. Howser disclosed today, in obtaining special letters of administration to the gangster's estate.

Investigators for the State Department of Justice departed immediately for Beverly Hills to open the box, located in the Security-First National Bank branch at 460 N. Canon Dr.

Investigators were not concerned primarily with the question of whether the box held any assets of the perforated gangster, slain last June 20, but whether it might provide clues to his slayers.

Howser filed a petition in Superior Court late today asking the special letters be granted to Raymond F. McCarthy, a special agent.

He asked the court to appoint Ben Brown, public administrator, as special administrator of the estate.

Superior Court Judge Newcomb Condee immediately signed the necessary papers which gave Brown the additional power to open the box—necessary because it was held in joint tenancy with Bugsy's sister, Miss Beth Siegel, a resident of Beverly Hills but who now is in New York City.

The petition for letters of administration said Siegel left property in Los Angeles County which netted income of less than \$10,000 annually, including a half interest in a hotel and other properties.

Another safety deposit box was unearthed early in July by state agents, but it failed to provide any vital information as to who might have killed Siegel in the palatial home of Virginia Hill.

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SIEGEL CASE PROGRESS TOLD

Howser Says Racetrack Wire Service Possible Death Motive

Attorney General Fred N. Howser said yesterday that his office had made "significant" progress into blame for the death of gangster Bugsy Siegel.

Without naming the killer, Howser said:

"We think we know who had the best motive."

The Attorney General said investigations by Walter H. Lentz, of his office, have indicated Bugsy most probably was slain because of his racetrack wire service.

Bugsy, Howser said, represented Trans-America wire service.

'TOOK OVER'

"He muscled his way into Las Vegas with the service," said Howser, "then took over all of Nevada."

"Later he tried the same strongarm methods in both Northern and Southern California."

Howser said that on June 13, seven days before Bugsy's death, Trans-America sent out the following wire to bookmakers its services:

"Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are compelled to discontinue our business after the last race of Saturday, June 14. We appreciate the cooperation you have given us."

Howser indicated this hasty decision may have been the result of a direct threat to Siegel. He said the circumstances were so peculiar as to demand a complete investigation of all race-track wire services.

Only a small insurance policy for his mother, Mrs. Jennie Siegel, and a few pieces of jewelry were found in the gangster's Beverly Hills safety deposit box, Howser said. The box was opened yesterday after County Public Administrator Ben H. Brown was named special administrator of the gangster's estate.

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Virginia Hill? They Knew Her When, But Now? A Closed Door

BY ALYCE BILLINGS WALKER
News Staff Writer

Virginia Hill, former Bessemer girl spotlighted as a friend of the murdered racketeer, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, is reported to have left Paris, France, bound for home.

Where's home to Virginia, friends here are wondering. Will she head for her palatial home in Miami? Will she return to the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion in which Siegel was rubbed out by the underworld? Will she drop by to see her former friends in Bessemer, or go to see parents in Marietta, Ga.?

Ever since Siegel was killed by

still-unknown enemies in Miss Hill's home June 20, Virginia's name has been in the news. She's been the topic of conversation among acquaintances here and in Marietta,

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Ga., where she spent a brief period of her childhood.

FOLKS HERE and in Marietta are in the dark as to how Virginia Hill changed from "a quiet, sweet little girl" to an international figure. They don't know why the underworld is said to have threatened to "take care of her," too.

They can only fill in some parts

of the story of "Tabby" Hill, a plainly-clothed, rather puny girl with mouse-colored hair, who has become a mink-draped, titian-haired glamorous headline maker of two continents. She never talked during her infrequent visits—her mother says, not even to her—about her husbands, money or activities.

Virginia's family came here from Marietta about four years before she was born. One of 10 children, she was born at Lipscomb, Aug. 25, 1936. That's what the doctor says who brought her into the world. However, she gave herself benefit of another year when she applied
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Virginia Hall As Was A Mystery To Home Tells As To World

Virginia Hall, who was a mystery to her home, told the world the story of her life in a book, "The Story of My Life," which was published in January, 1940, and is now being read by millions of people.

She was born in 1894 in a small town in Virginia, and her father was a farmer. She was a very beautiful girl, and she was very popular in her school. She was a very good student, and she was very kind to everyone.

When she was 17, she was married to a man named George Rogers. They were very happy together, and they had a very good life. But when George Rogers was killed in a car accident, she was left alone and very sad.

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HE HIT THE JACKPOT—Virginia Hill, former Bessemer girl, whose name has stretched across the Atlantic as a friend of murdered Racketeer "Bugsy" Siegel, is shown at the upper right.

In the upper left photo is Miss Hill's elaborate Miami, Fla., home. The lower photo, left, shows her palatial residence in Beverly Hills, Calif., where Siegel was killed. Miss Hill was in Paris at time of the killing.

New York Wire Hints \$90,000 Siegel Threat

That Benjamin (Bugale) Siegel was openly threatened in his luxurious Las Vegas (Nev.) casino was reported yesterday in a telegram from New York authorities naming Prince Alexis Orloff, Manhattan figure who claims a title conferred by Catherine II of Russia, as one of the witnesses.

The cryptic message, addressed to the "Chief of Police, Los Angeles" and signed "Martin J. Brown, Chief Inspector, N.Y. Police," stated:

Wire Passed Along

"Alexis Orloff was present with Virginia Hill and Mike Croupler, in Flamingo Club when Siegel was told to make good \$90,000 in 10 days or be killed. Orloff knows one of four men who made threat. Orloff was remanded for sentence July 31 this city. Advise if you want subject."

Los Angeles police passed the telegram along to Beverly Hills, where Siegel was slain last June 20 in the Moorish mansion of Virginia Hill, Alabama divorcee. Chief of Police C. H. Anderson said he will discuss the matter today with Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Ernest Roll. Roll asserted Orloff's name has not previously figured in the investigation, in which the District Attorney's office has taken a leading role.

In a Paris interview after Siegel's assassination, Miss Hill said she last saw Siegel at the Flamingo, in which he owned part interest, around the first of June. Investigators have theorized that Siegel was in Southern California attempting to raise money to cover his obligations when he fell under a fusillade of carbine slugs fired through the window of Miss Hill's residence. They learned that Siegel had stopped payment on a \$100,000 check to Del E. Webb, contractor who built the Las Vegas club, and that another \$50,000 check had been returned as no good.

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Threatening of Siegel told in N. Y.

Bugsy Siegel reportedly was given 10 days to pay off a \$90,000 gambling debt, "or else," Beverly Hills investigators of the gangster's murder learned today from New York police.

Alexis Orloff, 37, who said he was an actor, was arrested in New York on a vagrancy charge, and told police he was present when a threat on Siegel's life was made in his Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas.

Siegel, his red-headed girl friend, Virginia Hill, and a roulette croupier named Mike also were present, Orloff said. He said he knew one of the four men in the group making the threat.

The information was passed along to Beverly Hills by Los Angeles police, who received it in a telegram from the Chief Inspector of the New York police.

H. Leo Stanley, chief of the district attorney's investigation bureau here, said he had wired Tom Slack, D. A.'s agent now in Washington, to check the story with Orloff.

Slack is in the east to study gangs and gang methods.

Orloff, who is wanted here by the sheriff's department for violation of probation in 1941 when he was convicted of driving a car without the owner's consent, had not previously figured in the Siegel case.

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Siegel Clue Probe N. Y. Report on \$90,000 Threat

Chief of Police C. H. Anderson and district attorney's office investigating a report from New York City that Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was told to make good on a \$90,000 debt or be killed.

The information was relayed here by Chief Inspector Martin J. Brown of New York City, who wired that Alexis Orloff, 37, told him he was present when the threat on Siegel's life was made in the gangster's Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas.

Siegel, his red-haired girl friend, Virginia Hill, and a croupier named Mike also were present, Orloff said. He said he knew one of the four men in the group making the threat.

Leo Stanley, chief of the district attorney's bureau of investigation, immediately notified Thomas Slack, local district attorney's investigator now in Washington, D. C., in connection with the Siegel case, to proceed to New York to interview Orloff.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

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Police Skeptical on Siegel Tip

Telegraphic information from Chief Inspector Martin J. Brown of the New York Police Department that a man describing himself as Prince Alexis Orloff surrendered to police with the story that he "knew all about" the Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel slaying aroused little interest here among officers investigating the gambler's murder.

"We have no information that this man was in any way connected with Siegel's activities," declared H. Leo Stanley, chief of the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation. "However, I have wired Investigator Tom Black, who is touring the East obtaining information on gangsters, to question Orloff in New York."

No Interest Here

"We have no interest in this man in the Siegel murder investigation," said Chief of Police C. H. Anderson of Beverly Hills.

"And we are not going to take any action in returning him for violation of probation," asserted Capt. Gordon Bowers, in charge of the Sheriff's Bureau of Investigation.

Orloff, according to Sheriff's office records, violated his five-year probation after his release in March, 1941, from a local road camp where he served four months and 14 days for driving a car without the owner's consent.

Inspector Martin's wire to Chief Anderson stated: "Alexis Orloff was present with Virginia Hill and Mike, a croupier in Flamingo Club, when Siegel was told to make good \$90,000 in 10 days or be killed. Orloff knows one of four men who made threat."

Siegel was shot to death in the Beverly Hills home of Virginia Hill June 20.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC,

DATE: July 29, 1947

FROM :

SA

SUBJECT: MURDER OF BUGSY SIEGEL

SA [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] of Winton, California, advised him that [redacted] in Los Angeles had visited him, and advised him that her son-in-law, [redacted] who works [redacted] in the vicinity of Santa Monica had advised her that he overheard individuals talking, and that he knew who did the killing in Los Angeles.

[redacted] advised that this was at the time in which the killing of BUGSY SIEGEL was being played up in the papers.

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Interviewed by [redacted] at office. Info was placed in memo for 62-2469 - [redacted] could give no tangible info - mentioned two women were talking about a [redacted] left for Canada.

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SIEGEL'S DEPOSIT BOX YIELDS NO MURDER CLUE

Benjamin (Bugale) Siegel's safety deposit box yesterday failed to yield any clues to the late gangster's murder June 30, but Atty. Gen. Howser said he now believes "either the director or the actual perpetrator" of the shooting was a western man.

The safety deposit box, held jointly by the slain gambler and Beth Siegel of New York, described as his sister, contained only bits of "not particularly valuable" personal jewelry and a small insurance policy of which Siegel's mother was beneficiary, Howser disclosed after searching the box personally.

Regarding Siegel's slaying, the Attorney General said:

"I believe that we have isolated a clear motive for the murder. We believe that either the director or the actual perpetrator of the murder was a western man, rather than an eastern gunman."

Located in a Security-First National Bank branch at 499 N. Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, by special agents of the Attorney General after weeks of search, the safety deposit box was examined under a special order issued by Superior Judge Newcomb Condee upon Howser's petition.

The Attorney General expressed disappointment with the contents of the box, commenting that "there was absolutely nothing of any significance" contained in it. After the contents were listed, the box was sealed and placed back in the bank vault.

Siegel was shot to death as he sat reading in the home of a friend, Miss Virginia Hill, former dancer, at 810 N. Linden Drive, Beverly Hills. His killer fired through a window of the mansion at almost point-blank range, with an Army-type rifle.

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LOS ANGELES HERALD & EXPRESS

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Appoint Administrator to Open Siegel Mystery Cash Box

County Administrator Ben H. Brown late today was appointed special administrator for the estate of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, Hollywood and Nevada gambling czar who was shot to death last June 20 in the Beverly Hills home of his girl friend, Virginia Hill.

Appointment of Brown by Superior Judge Newcomb Condee followed a hearing on a petition for special letters of administration filed by Ray McCarthy, special agent of the Department of Justice, which also were signed by Attorney General Fred N. Howser.

McCarthy said Brown's appointment had been requested so that the contents of a safety deposit box found several days after his death in the Beverly Hills branch of the Security First National Bank could be examined.

"The box," he said, "was held in joint tenancy with his sis-

ter, Beth."

The sister, according to Walter H. Lentz, chief special agent for the Department of Justice, is now in New York City.

McCarthy disclosed his office had reason to believe the box contained valuable securities and possibly a large sum of money.

Judge Condee appointed Brown on a minute order so that it would become effective immediately.

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CRIME SURVEY - PHOENIX DIVISION

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Newspaper article dated June 19, 1947, stating that one [redacted] who came to Phoenix from Portland, Oregon, is rumored to be contemplating opening a high-class gambling establishment in Phoenix and [redacted] was backed by BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGAL.

Informant also stated that officials of Phoenix, Arizona will not allow anyone to operate a gambling establishment there. Informant stated that he does not believe that anyone will be allowed to operate any type of gambling establishment other than a race track and that there is absolutely nothing to the story that BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL was making any plans to operate a gambling establishment in the State of Arizona prior to SIEGEL's death at Los Angeles on June 20, 1947.

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cc - Portland
cc - Los Angeles

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LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC
FROM : SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: CRIME SURVEY

Re: [REDACTED]
SIEGEL MURDER

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On 7/21/47 the writer was returning from an interview with a bank robbery suspect, accompanied by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] at his office on the Sunset Strip to obtain his opinion in regard to the SIEGEL killing.

[REDACTED] related that after the killing he had made a trip to New York and his New York contacts, including persons closely associated with COSTELLO and JOE ADONIS, assured him SIEGEL's murder had no connection from any gang warfare in New York. [REDACTED] pointed out the major of the wire services eliminated a conflict in this endeavor as a possible motive. The two remaining persons with an obvious motive named by [REDACTED] were:

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MEMO, SAC:

7/25/47

Re: CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED]

In addition in the conversation with [REDACTED] he indicated he was very friendly with SIEGEL [REDACTED] GEORGE RAFT and [REDACTED] and recognized a number of associates [REDACTED] from photographs, who were picked up [REDACTED] in a gambling raid in Burbank the night before. As indicated above, [REDACTED] is apparently cooperative in furnishing information in regard to various gangsters with whom he associates, but he has also been reported to be a finger man for robberies occurring in Los Angeles and formerly in the employ of COSTELLO and JOE ADONIS in New York [REDACTED] It is believed [REDACTED] may be able to furnish information of a general nature, but would also relay information to any of his associates involved in any inquiry coming to his attention.

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Virginia Hill Miami Palace Ready For Her Return

By International News Service

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., July 24.
—Virginia Hill's palatial Miami Beach home was ready for her occupancy today, but there was no indication when the 30-year-old playgirl would arrive from France to live in it.

However, Miss Hill's 20-year-old brother, Charles "Chick" Hill, and her secretary, Miss Jerri Mason, 24, are occupying the Sunset Isle mansion.

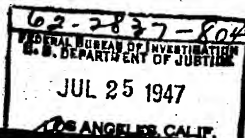
They arrived in Miami Beach Sunday from Los Angeles, and today denied reports that they were married in Las Vegas recently.

Hill and Miss Mason were in Virginia's swank Beverly Hills, Calif., home the night that Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was slain in the living room while reading a newspaper.

Young Hill said he had not been advised when his sister will return from France, but added that he expected her "soon."

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'Bugsy' Siegel Reveal Mobster Slain In Race Wire Feud

Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot to death in a dispute over control of horse race wire news service and the "brain work" of his slaying last June 20 originated "outside of California," the California Department of Justice was informed here today from Illinois.

Chief Special Agent Walter Lentz, of the State Justice Department, announced briefly that both he and Police Chief C. H. Anderson of Beverly Hills, where Siegel was riddled with bullets in the home of Virginia Hill, had received "identical information" from Illinois.

"The information looks good," Lentz said.

He did not elaborate on the source of his information.

Lentz said that an investigator will be assigned to assist Beverly Hills police in checking the information received from Chicago authorities.

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LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS

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Bugsy killed in race wire feud---police

Gang war over the national racing wire rackets brought Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel to his untimely death, Beverly Hills Police Chief Clinton H. Anderson said today.

Anderson said both he and the office of Atty. Gen. Fred N. Howser have learned from Illinois that the nucleus of the Siegel mobout took place "outside California."

Siegel was shot to death last month through a living room window of the luxurious Beverly Hills home of his reputed girl friend Virginia Hill.

Walter Lentz, chief investigator of Howser's office, verified he has been working with Beverly Hills police on the case and has something that "looks good."

"We've been piecing our information together," Lentz said, "and it all ties in and looks pretty good."

Neither Anderson nor Lentz would elaborate on their information, but the implication was that Bugsie's wire service interests had muscled in on a rival syndicate and Bugsie was eliminated.

Anderson would not confirm speculation that the murder was masterminded in Chicago, one-time capital of U. S. gangsterism.

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RACE WIRE WAR HELD SIEGEL SLAYING MOTIVE

Statements that a dispute over race wire service was responsible for the killing of Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel were made yesterday by Chief of Police C. H. Anderson of Beverly Hills and Walter H. Lentz, Chief Special Agent for the Attorney General's office.

Investigators of both departments arrived at this conclusion from information received from Illinois, they declared. Nucleus of the crime took shape elsewhere than in California, Chief Anderson said.

The Attorney General's office assigned a special investigator to assist the Beverly Hills police in the investigation, Lentz announced.

The statements from both officials followed a conference held in Anderson's office.

Siegel was killed in gangland fashion while seated in the living room of the Beverly Hills home of Virginia Hill, former dancer and girl friend of the Las Vegas gambler, last June 20.

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The letters were not read in
 Anderson as "a good lead."
 One received by Anderson's
 office two weeks ago is signed
 in length—said Elmer, was
 "muzzled" the Trans-American
 horse race wire service into Ne-
 vada, owed the two other gam-
 blers \$25,000.

Elmer was himself never in-
 volved a week before his arrest
 in connection with the "hot"
 transactions. "I was told to get
 out of the way."

Working the Anderson
 tracking the Elmer leads to
 McDuffy, assigned to Nevada
 H. Lewis, chief investigator,
 and others concerned.

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SEIGEL SLAYING LAID TO DEBT

Gangster Bugsy Siegel was slain in a dispute with two ex-Capone men over the horse race wire service which he represented—Trans-America.

Chief of Police Clinton H. Anderson of Beverly Hills disclosed that his office, and that of the Attorney General, have been investigating information to that effect since receiving letters two weeks ago.

Describing the lead as "a good one," Anderson said the letters came from Illinois.

The one to his office was 10 pages in length and said that Siegel, who "muscle" the service into Nevada, owed the two other gangsters \$25,000.

"According to the letter, Siegel was handed down a throat a week before his death. He was told to 'pay up or else,'" the chief of police stated.

Anderson declined to name the two ex-Capone men listed, but said that Ray McCarthy has been assigned by Walter H. Lentz, chief investigator for the Attorney General, to work with his office in checking out the lead.

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Address of Subject

Character of Case

COMPLAINT FORM

~~Anytime~~
Name of Complainant

Address of Complainant

Telephone Number of Complainant

2 PM 7/16/47
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT: *Unknown person called and stated that* *SM*
is a casting director at the Metro Goldwyn studio and has been recruiting

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: *Planning in Las Vegas. Is a matter of fact the girls*
were placed in prostitution and some of them were subsequently transported *b2*

to Mexico to work as prostitutes. According to the person calling
who is also employed at the same studio has knowledge of
the situation and may be involved.

The complainant hung up before any further information could be
obtained. The person making the complaint was a woman and
sounded as though sober and was very calm.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

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Siegel Confession Just 'Pipe Dream'

"Just another pipe dream," was the way Chief of Police C.H. Anderson of Beverly Hills yesterday described the "confession" in Waurika, Okla., of Virgil Manning, ex-convict, that he was involved in the slaying of Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel in Beverly Hills, June 20.

"I've just received the complete statement from Sheriff W. B. Allen of Waurika and no part of Manning's story jibes with the facts," he said. "I have advised Sheriff Allen, and Manning can be released as far as we are concerned."

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Bugsy's girl, miserable, U. S.-bound

By DOROTHY RUSSELL

PARIS, Aug. 7.—(UP—Virginia Hill, girl friend of the late California gangster, Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, took off by trans-Atlantic plane for New York tonight "to seek peace—maybe by jumping out of the plane."

Modestly dressed and with little makeup, she looked more like a school girl than a toast of the nightclubs from coast to coast. She said she was 30. She did not look more than 24.

When she first saw this correspondent at the airport Virginia yelled:

"I'll knock your block off!"

She took a violent swing. It missed, and later, between fits of crying, she said:

"I don't want to be mean to you. I'm an orphan. Now that they've killed Ben—(she calls him Ben, not Bugsy)—I am completely alone in the world. I have no home and life isn't worth living."

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Virginia Hill, Sobbing, on Way to U. S. by Plane

PARIS, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Virginia Hill, weeping forlornly and sobbing that "I'd just as soon jump off the airplane," left Paris by air tonight for the United States.

American police have indicated the underworld might put the California party girl's life in jeopardy.

She ended a hectic two-month stay in Paris and swank Mediterranean resorts, during which Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel was shot to death in her California home June 20.

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The raven-haired Miss Hill took off for New York on a Trans-World Airlines plane from Orly Field at 10:36 p. m., Paris time (2:30 p. m., PST). The plane's first scheduled stop in the United States was Boston.

Bitter, frequently incoherent and verging on hysteria as she talked with a reporter just before boarding the plane, Miss Hill said she would set things right with the press when she arrived in the United States.

Since Siegel, gambler, man-about-Hollywood and Nevada night club operator, was slain, Miss Hill has been mentioned frequently in the American press.

As she arrived at the airfield and walked to the customs office, she was approached by the porter. Flopping her three silver

fox furs about her shoulders, she pointed:

"Why don't you leave me alone?"

"I'm going home because I want to go home," Miss Hill said between sobs. "I'm going home to answer all those nasty stories about me. I'm not going to talk to anyone until I see my lawyer."

Then, as an afterthought she added, "I can take care of myself. I've been doing it for 30 years, and I can keep on."

Miss Hill, reputed by Americans to be wealthy, has had the swankiest accommodations during her two months' stay in Paris and on the French Riviera. She wept softly at times as she sat alone in the terminal waiting room.

She was not listed on the flight manifest as "Miss Hill," nor was she listed under the name of any of her three former husbands—Griffith, Gonzales or Rogers.

"I don't know what name I'm traveling under," she said.

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'I'm Just an Orphan,' Cries Virginia as 'Bugsy' Dead

By United Press

PARIS, Aug. 7.—Virginia Hill, friend of the slain Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, took off by plane for New York tonight to "seek peace—may be by jumping out of the plane."

Looking pale and distraught, the auburn-haired girl, who twice allegedly had taken overdoses of sleeping tablets, sobbed on the shoulder of United Press Correspondent Dorothy Russell before taking off from Orly airfield.

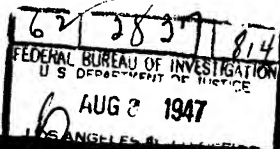
Dressed simply and wearing little makeup, Virginia looked more like a schoolgirl than the toast of night clubs.

She said she was 30 years old, but appeared not more than 24.

When Dorothy Russell approached her, Virginia screamed, "I'll knock your block off" and took a swing which missed.

But later between fits of crying, she said:

"I don't want to be mean to you. I am an orphan. Now that they've killed Bugsy I am completely alone in the world. I have no home and life isn't worth living."



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NEW SIEGEL 'CONFESSION'

BEVERLY HILLS, Aug. 5.—

Police Chief C. H. Anderson today was awaiting "another confession" to the carbine slaying (last June 20 of Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel.

In a telegram from Waurika (Oklahoma) authorities, Chief Anderson learned that Virgil Clark Manning, 28, said to be from Los Angeles, had surrendered there "because he was afraid Siegel's killers would get

him."

Manning, according to Waurika Deputy J. C. Gardner, confessed "he was hired for three days to watch Siegel's Beverly Hills residence and drove the getaway car for the actual killer."

Gardner said the killer's name was unknown to Manning but that "he lived somewhere in Huntington Park."

"I've wired the Oklahoma authorities for a copy of his complete statement," Chief Anderson said, adding, "many similar reports have caused us much fruitless work, but of course, we'll investigate this one, too."

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Claims He Drove Killer's Auto

A statement confessing participation in the Beverly Hills gangland slaying of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel last June 20 was signed today by a 28-year-old itinerant in Waurika, Okla., today, according to word received here by Capt. Gordon Bowers of the sheriff's detective bureau.

Deputy Sheriff J. C. Gardner of Waurika identified the man as Virgil Clark Manning, who claims to have lived in Los Angeles for the past two years.

Police Chief C. H. Anderson of Beverly Hills police and the sheriff's office wired the Waurika authorities for a complete, detailed statement from the suspect.

"We've had many similar reports which came to nothing, but of course we'll investigate this thoroughly," said Chief Anderson.

Manning, who surrendered after a trip by freight train from Barstow, Calif., said a gang of four or five men had paid him \$500 to watch the house where Siegel was killed the night of June 20.

"Then on the night of the shooting, he said he drove an automobile in which the killer escaped after Siegel was shot," Deputy Sheriff Gardner said in Waurika.

"He said he knew only the nickname of the man.

"We have questioned him over and over but he still sticks to his original story and every effort we have made to cross him up has been futile."

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 8/12/47

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL
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An individual who refused to identify himself and who spoke in very poor English telephonically advised as follows: He drives the car for a gang who either did the killing of Bugsy Seigel or knows whodid it, and apparently are after Hill as being connected with it. Hill is supposed to have brought a large amount of smuggled jewels, mainly diamonds, from Europe, via Portugal, and on to Tampa, Florida. They are presently believed to be at [REDACTED] the home of a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] brother is supposed to have engineered or been in on the killing of Bugsy. Informant very recently went [REDACTED] upon orders from his "Boss" and took two individuals to 131 No Croft Avenue.

Informant spoke in very broken English, apparently Mexican or Italian, would supply no names other than those mentioned, said he drove a Buick belonging to his boss and for which he said he was well paid.

Switch board clerk advises this party, who always refuses to identify himself, calls up frequently offering to give information on the Black Dahlia, Bugsy Seigel's slayer etc. It would appear that he is probably a Payco, however this is being made a matter of record in the event the above addresses might be pertinent in future investigations.

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LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS
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Gang reprisal fear haunts Bugsy's gal

MIAMI BEACH, Aug. 12.—(UP)—Virginia Hill, girl friend of murdered Gang Lord Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, is still a frightened woman, with an idea that her "name is on the books" for a gangland killing, a police official who interviewed her said today.

Chief Phillip B. Short of the Miami Beach Police Dept. said he spent 30 minutes with Miss Hill Monday evening during which he got little information but the strong impression that she is "scared to death."

Miss Hill arrived at her Sunset Island home last week and went into seclusion behind the moat-like waterway that separates the palm-studded island from Miami Beach proper.

A few hundred yards away is the residence of the late Al (Scarface) Capone.

Short said he advised Miss Hill to stay at home while she is here.

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Bugsy's Girl Is Scared

Virginia Hill
Beset by Fear,
Says Police Chief

By International News Service

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Aug. 12. — Miami Beach Police Chief F. R. Short paid a "courtesy call" on Virginia Hill, friend of the late mobster Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, today and said he found her a "very scared girl."

Short and Acting Chief of Detectives Charles Perce talked to the reputed Alabama helress for 30 minutes at her luxurious Sunset Island home. After the conference, the chief said:

"She didn't say anything worth repeating. I think she is a very scared girl and that's the reason she is so close-mouthed."

Short said no extra police protection is contemplated. Ed Bishop, director of a private detective agency, attended the conference. Bishop's agency is furnishing a 24-hour bodyguard for Miss Hill, in whose California home Siegel was shot down June 20.

Short said he attempted to question Miss Hill about Siegel, but that she "broke up the talk." He said the only thing she would say about the slain mobster was that she would "like to see the man caught who killed him."

The chief declared:

"In my opinion she is a frightened woman who is attempting a spirit of bravado."

Short said the purpose of the visit was one of courtesy. Miss Hill had asked to see him Saturday, after her arrival from France, but did not show up because of a crowd around police headquarters.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

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Virginia Hill in Peril, Says Miami Chief

Illustrated on Page 3, Part I

MIAMI BEACH (Fla.) Aug. 12. (AP)—Miami Beach Police Chief Phil R. Short today said that Virginia Hill, girl friend of slain gambler Benjamin (Bug) Siegel, "really is in danger." The police chief's comment followed a "courtesy call" last yesterday to Miss Hill's palatial Sunset Isle home, accompanied by Acting Chief of Detectives Charles W. Pierce and Ed Bishop, private detective hired by Miss Hill to guard her.

"I told her not to go out where she would be inviting trouble," Short said. "I told her to stay out of night clubs and public places."

"I told her that if she was going to get killed, to go to California and get killed."

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Virginia Hill Gains in Florida Hospital

MIAMI BEACH, Aug. 24. (AP)—
Virginia Hill, 30, girl friend of
the slain gambler, Benjamin
(Bugsie) Siegel, continued to im-
prove today from what Detective
Chief Charles W. Pierce said
was "definitely a suicide at-
tempt."

At St. Francis Hospital her
condition was described as
"good."

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]
FROM : [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN SEIGEL
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: August 20, 1947

In connection with another matter, the writer and [REDACTED] interviewed one [REDACTED] in the County Jail on June 30, 1947.

[REDACTED] stated that he had information concerning the person responsible for the killing of BENJAMIN SEIGEL. [REDACTED] stated that he had spent the past few months in Las Vegas, and while there he visited the Flamingo Club one evening. He was uncertain of the exact date, but said it was two night before the "Helldorado" Rodeo was held. [REDACTED] said that he was sitting in his car in the darkened driveway when a maroon Buick convertible drove up with two men in it. [REDACTED] overheard one of them say "SEIGEL is leaving for L. A. tonight. Shall we call [REDACTED] in L. A.?" The other individual made some remark about getting a drink, and the two men then entered the Flamingo. [REDACTED] said that he followed them inside and recognized one of the men as an individual he had previously seen who used to run a poolroom in Detroit; however [REDACTED] could not describe the man nor give his name or the Detroit address of the poolroom. bx

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: August 26, 1947

FROM:

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

The Killing of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY

On August 11, 1947 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the writer that a few days after the killing of SIEGEL (June 21, 1947) he over-heard a telephone conversation between two women which he thought should be brought to the attention of this office. [REDACTED] added that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] two women who used profanity to a great extent were discussing the departure of one [REDACTED] who had gotten in trouble in a bookmaking deal with SIEGEL and had left for Canada after the killing. [REDACTED] can be reached during his working hours at [REDACTED] and can furnish no other pertinent information, but believes that the above was significant.

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Virginia Hill Gives Miami Beach Slip

MIAMI BEACH, Aug. 28. (U.P.) Temperamental Virginia Hill, just recovered from an overdose of sleeping tablets, apparently took another powder tonight.

Police said the unpredictable girl friend of slain Gangster Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel skipped town in her black Cadillac convertible shortly after being released from St. Francis Hospital.

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Virginia Hill, Reported 'Broke,' Leaves Florida Home

By Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Aug. 29. —Virginia Hill's swank home on Sunset Island No. 1 was shuttered today and the 31-year-old girl friend of slain Gambler Benjamin (Bugsby) Siegel had left for an undisclosed designation. She reportedly was "broke."

Miss Hill, who arrived here from Paris on Aug. 9, was discharged from St. Francis Hospital yesterday after being hospitalized a week. Chief of Detectives Charles W. Pierce said she had taken an overdose of sleeping pills in an attempt at suicide.

Returning home from the hospital, Miss Hill loaded her luggage into her black (Cadillac) convertible and left with her brother, Chick Hill, and her secretary, Jerri Mason.

One report said she was going to Pensacola to visit a second brother. Another report said the party was headed for North Carolina.

Detective Sgt. Peter Stewart quoted Thomas Grimes, one of the private detectives the dark-haired woman had employed to guard her, as saying she told him she was "broke."

Alexander S. Gordon, attorney for Miss Hill, denied that the house was for sale.

An elaborate alarm system had been installed and connected with

the Miami Beach Police Department. It was dismantled and the guard discharged.

Siegel was shot to death while reading a newspaper in Miss Hill's Beverly Hills, Cal., home June 20. She was in Paris at the time.

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Virginia takes new kind of powder

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Aug. 29.—(UP)—Temperamental Virginia Hill, just recovered from an overdose of sleeping tablets, apparently took another powder today.

Police said the unpredictable girl friend of slain gangster Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, skipped town in her car shortly after being released from St. Francis Hospital.

Where the ex-playgirl was going and what her plans were remained as much a secret as the reason why she overdosed herself four times with sedatives, the last one almost taking her life.

All Det. Sgt. Peter Stewart knew was that Miss Hill, her brother Charles and her secretary Jerri Mason had closed her plush home on Sunset Island, her sanctuary from reporters and reportedly from gangsters during her brief stay here, and headed north.

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Precautions Taken to Protect 'Fingerman' in Siegel Slaying

Special precautions have been taken to protect Virgil C. Manning, 28-year-old ex-convict, from the underworld execution he fears because of his claimed inside knowledge of the murder of Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel, the United Press reported from Waurika, Okla.

Sheriff W. B. Allen said he had ordered a special guard for the Jefferson County Jail to see that no harm came to the nervous inmate who said he put the finger on the bigtime gangster. Siegel was slain at Beverly Hills, June 20.

Allen said Manning had been ordered to stay away from the windows in his third floor jail cell to prevent anyone from taking a shot at him from the street below. The sheriff ordered all unauthorized persons be kept from the jail floor.

Manning, who surrendered here Monday night, claimed he watched the house where Siegel was slain

for several weeks and after spotting the victim, accompanied the triggerman who killed the gangster as he sat before a window.

Photo Precautions

Beverly Hills Chief of Police C. H. Anderson has reiterated doubt that Manning had anything to do with the murder of Siegel.

"I base my doubts on three points," said Anderson.

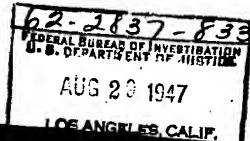
"First, Manning, according to reports, mentioned a revolver as the weapon. It is irrefutably established that a carbine was used.

"Second, he referred to Miss Hill's residence as 'an apartment.' It's big all right, but it's still a one-family dwelling.

"Third, he says he heard only two of nine shots that were fired. It doesn't add up.

"Of course, I'm not saying definitely that Manning is out as a suspect. I'll know more when I see an official report from Oklahoma."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL (Deceased)
Information Concerning

DATE: AUGUST 27, 1947

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DATE 11-27-95 BY SP-7 msp/ps

Please be advised that while in Waurika, Oklahoma, recently an Agent of this office was informed by [redacted] Assistant County Attorney, that [redacted] who recently surrendered to the Sheriff of Jefferson County at Waurika, had informed the Sheriff at that time that he possessed information regarding the identity of SIEGEL'S murderer. This information regarding [redacted] surrender and his reported information regarding instant murder was immediately brought to the attention of the proper authorities in Los Angeles, who subsequently disclaimed [redacted] statement and were somewhat critical of the fact that they had been bothered with such information. [redacted] expressed bitter criticism of the manner in which the Los Angeles Police Department publicized criticism toward the Sheriff's Office regarding [redacted] statement to officials of Jefferson County.

[redacted] further advised that immediately preceding the time [redacted] was transferred from the County Jail at Waurika on August 12, 1947, to Bolivar, Missouri, to answer charges pending against him for car theft, [redacted] made a final oral statement, which [redacted] stated he was not going to report to the Los Angeles police because of the objectionable attitude [redacted] feels that was shown by the Los Angeles Police Department. In this final statement, according to [redacted] declared that he had fired the fatal shots which killed SIEGEL and that he used a carbine rifle. He stated that a short time following the murder he disposed of the weapon by throwing it into a small lake near the highway leading into Oak Ridge, Oregon, from the south. [redacted] informed [redacted] that this lake is between the highway and a railway track about one mile south of Oak Ridge. He further advised that he walked around the lake looking for a deep place in which to throw the weapon and finally disposed of it by throwing it in the lake at a point nearest the highway.

[redacted] after volunteering this information, requested that it be treated in the strictest confidence, and he repeated his desire to withhold this information from the Los Angeles Police Department because of their lack of interest in [redacted] original confession.

It is of interest to note that [redacted] subsequent to [redacted] furnishing the above information, confirmed the fact that [redacted] had made such a statement [redacted]

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To SAC, LOS ANGELES
From SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY
AUGUST 27, 1947

RE: BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL (Deceased)
Information Concerning

It is believed that possibly you might desire to furnish this information to some member of the Los Angeles Police Department, who would treat the information in the strictest of confidence, but who might still desire to investigate the reported disposition of the murder weapon.

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Re: Benjamin Siegel

Inf. concerning

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[REDACTED] confidentially advised writer that on the morning of June 21, 1947 he was making his delivery of orange juice and stopped in route at the MacDonald's rest. at Atlantic and Firestone Blvd. While in there an individual came in and wanted to buy breakfast if the waitress could change a \$100. bill; she stated that she could, then this man said he would just buy breakfast for everyone in the house if she could change another. The manager came up about that this time in the conversation, and this man told the manager that he had a lot of \$5 and \$10 bills too if he needed any change. This individual did display a large amount of cash. [REDACTED] said that he thought that the individual was trying to pass counterfeit bills so he took the license no. of two cars parked in front of the place one of which he believes to be the one driven by the man. [REDACTED] left the cafe and stopped in again a few days later and the manager stated that the same man came back that night, but before leaving in the morning he stated that he had just killed his best friend, Bugsy Siegel. The manager said he did not think anything about it, until he read of Siegel's death in the paper the same day. b7c

[REDACTED] said that he was in the cafe about 8:00 A. M. on the morning of the 21st of June, and that there were only about five people in the cafe at the time. He also stated that this man acted like he was drunk, but no liquor could be detected on him. He described this man as Age 38-to 40, Ht. 5'11" Wt. 165, Wearing hat at all times, hair not noticed. Dressed in Brown shark skin suit, and sport shirt. He was believed to be driving a 1941 Olds 42 DeSoto Convertible, cream color. The license plate of the car was believed to be 5 G 9298 or 63C310. b7c

[REDACTED] asked that his name not be used.

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MEMO
FROM: SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN SIEGEL
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California Motor Vehicle Registration Department reflect license number registrations as follows:

5 G 9298; 1946 Oldsmobile Club Sedan-- [REDACTED]

63C310; 1946 Chevrolet Sport Sedan-- [REDACTED]

Original Owner--GMAC, 704 W. Olympic Blvd.
Los Angeles

The indices of the Los Angeles Office proved negative regarding both [REDACTED]

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FROM 3/51

SUBJECT: Information concerning Killing of BEN SETIGEL

On September 5, 1947, Agent [redacted] telephonically contacted reporting agent advising that [redacted] had requested that an attempt be made to determine when [redacted] were in Fresno, Calif., this information to be furnished to [redacted] whose reliability has been questioned. According to [redacted] wanted this information as he suspected [redacted] brothers of being involved in a safe cracking job.

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The above information was discussed with Agent [REDACTED] and it was decided that the only information which would be furnished [REDACTED] would be information readily available from court records and from the District Attorney's Office. This precaution was taken in order to protect the identity of the above informant.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

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Hoover Hits Siegel Case Glamorizing

F.B.I. Director Says
Lionizing of Bugsie
Helps Spread Crime

By a Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.

The danger of more widespread criminal violence is typified by the way in which Bugsie Siegel and "his criminal scum" were lionized, F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover today warned 500 graduates of the National Police Academy.

Unless the American public is aroused, the country is liable to experience a far more serious crime wave than that which has caused so much recent concern, he declared in deploring the "shortsighted, provincial viewpoint" of many citizens toward law enforcement agencies. Hoover singled out Siegel as an example of the way in which criminals have been glamorized.

Crime Stage Set

"It is no surprise that the outbreak of crimes of violence that started before the cessation of hostilities has not abated. Actually, I am surprised that we have not had greater violence," Hoover said.

"The stage nevertheless is set for this to occur in the future unless the spirit of our citizens can be aroused to the impending menace."

"Blaring headlines announced the assassination recently of the infamous Bugsie Siegel. The circumstances surrounding his career in crime tell the story better than words."

Siegel Castigated

"Here was an individual whose life was a constant challenge to common decency. Yet he and his criminal scum were lionized and their favors sought after in so-called respectable social circles. The glamour that surrounded his life in all its vile implications was shockingly disgusting, but Siegel was a symbol. He 'fronted' for more sinister and despicable characters—the 'untouchables' who hire mercenaries to do their 'dirty work.'"

"Crime could be greatly reduced, particularly sex offenses, if law enforcement agencies were given active public support, the F.B.I. chief maintained. Juvenile delinquency is due largely to 'neglect of our youth,' he said."

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BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING,
CRIME SURVEY. [REDACTED] VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA,
TIMES HERALD AND NEWS CHRONICLE, ADVISED OCTOBER SECOND LAST
THAT A [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS REPORTED WHOM HE
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PAYOFFFROM HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION IN VALLEJO FOR SIEGEL AND HIS
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Heiress' Broken Romance With Slain Siegel Disclosed

Brother of Girl Tells of New Car and Sister's Plans

Virginia Hill, Alabama heiress, and Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel were "romantically inclined," but the romance went awry before the gangster was slain last week in the heiress' Beverly Hills mansion.

This was disclosed yesterday by Charles Hill, 21, brother of Miss Hill, when he was questioned in the District Attorney's office by Chief-Dep. S. Ernest Roll and Chief Investigator H. Leo Stanley.

The youth, with Miss Hill's secretary, Jerri Mason, and Al Smiley, Hollywood sports figure and friend of Siegel, was in the Moorish residence at 810 N. Linden Drive at the time of the slaying.

Romance Disclosed

He said that his sister, now in Paris, and Siegel had been romantically inclined and that when Miss Hill lay unconscious in a Las Vegas hospital after taking sleeping tablets in Siegel's Flamingo Club, Siegel told him that he wanted to marry Virginia, according to Roll.

"And I am sure my sister was also in love with him," he was quoted by Roll as saying.

But the romance faded, Hill said his sister and Siegel had concluded that both were "too nervous" to get along and had agreed to split up. She had planned some time before to go to Paris. At first Siegel was against the trip but, after the agreement to part, advised her to go ahead. In their "split-up" there was no violence, the brother said.



Times photo

QUESTIONED—District Attorney's office yesterday turned to Mrs. Esther Siegel, the divorced wife of the slain Bugsie Siegel, for help in cracking the gangland mystery. She was questioned for an hour by the investigators.

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Bugsy's ex-gal missing on eve of telling all

Becky Voisch, beautiful onetime sweetheart of Bugsy Siegel, was hunted by police today for an answer to the Siegel murder mystery.

She disappeared last Sunday morning shortly after police learned she was ready to sing about Bugsy's assassins.

The statuesque redhead was last seen by a friend as she left a Vallejo restaurant. She was clad only in thin pajamas and mule-type slippers. She had a light, summer weight coat thrown over her shoulders.

Boots was said to have had a sandwich with a friend, described as a small, paunchy man with broken nose and cauliflower ear. She left him in the restaurant, but never returned to her nearby apartment, police were told.

She is known to have had what the Siegel mob would describe as "interests" in California, Nevada and Arizona and authorities in these three states are now attempting to find some trace of her.

The disappearance of the girl came a short time after she is said to have threatened to tell all she knew of the Siegel murder unless, said an acquaintance, the remnants of the Siegel mob stopped pushing her around.

Boots is known to authorities to have been acting as a sort of personnel manager and collector for Siegel in his prostitution operations on the West Coast.

It was an effort to force her out of this lucrative spot, the informant said, that caused her to break with the mob.

The informant told police Boots had taken over the prostitution operation after Siegel, becoming Hollywood-conscious some years ago, had discarded her in favor of movie glamour.

Because of her intimate acquaintance with his operations, it was said Siegel had bought her silence by placing her in a position to live luxuriously and acquire a fortune.

On the night Siegel was shot, Boots was in Vallejo, where she is reported to have been smoothing a series of beets growing out of the unprecedented ~~beet~~ of several

Georgia St. spots there which were known to have been operating under Siegel.

On the day after Siegel's death, Boots told a newspaper man that she had been instructed to close up everything in Vallejo and elsewhere in the state and to go now to San Francisco until the word came to open up.

Four weeks after Bugsy's death, she said, she reopened a number of places in Vallejo, Marysville, Petaluma, Stockton and Jackson.

A short time after that, it was learned she is known to have been told that she was "out" and announced that if "they," presumably the Siegel mob, tried to railroad her, she would sing and sing plenty.

Last Friday night, police said, she was visited in her Vallejo apartment by two strongarm men who gave her instructions to get out of California and stay out.

She refused flatly and again threatened to sing, it was learned. Last Sunday morning, around 2:30, she went to the Vallejo Georgia St. restaurant. That was the last seen of Boots.

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had rented from Juan Romero, an importer, and made the arrangements to go abroad. Hill said he and Miss Mason were left to pack up and travel to Miss Hill's home in Miami, Fla., in Miss Hill's new automobile.

New Car Deal

Asked about this new car, Hill said that his sister had purchased it a month ago and paid \$6400 for it, according to Roll.

Stanley asked him if Siegel had put up the money for the car or the rental of the Linden Dr. dwelling which Romero has already told the police he rented to Miss Hill for \$500 a month.

"I don't know whether he put up any money for anything," replied, according to Stanley. "He was there at the time he got the car but my sister gave me the money in cash to pay for it and I went and got it from a used-car place."

He added that he knew Siegel was in the habit of giving money away to a lot of people but that he had little exact knowledge of his sister's finances.

Asked About Visit

When asked about the visit for Siegel's last visit to the residence, Hill said he understood that Siegel had come over from Las Vegas to get his clothing from a guest bedroom and that he had also planned to meet his daughters from New York and take them on a two-month trip to Canada.

In one point of the interrogation Hill was asked by Roll if he knew whether his sister had been well acquainted with Joe Adonis, a New York gambler. Hill replied that his sister had introduced him to Adonis in New York about three years ago.

At the conclusion of the questioning Roll declared, "At least we have some evidence that Miss Hill did not get all her wealth because she was an Alabama heiress as it has been rumored."

Earlier, Dist. Atty. Simpson turned to the sportsman's divorced wife for help.

Investigators Kemp Nivers and Chick Ebbets Jr. brought Mrs. Esther Siegel and her

Mrs. Siegel appeared in a conservative black dress with white trimmings, a black coat and black knit gloves. She is a blond with blue eyes and a florid complexion. She was nervous on the day after the funeral.

She said: "We were schoolyard sweethearts in New York City About 20 years ago, while he was in the garage business there, we were married."

She talked freely with Simpson, Asst. Dist. Atty. John Barnes, Roll and Stanley.

There was no mention of Siegel's background as a tumbler or sluggo from Hell's Kitchen.

Divorced in Reno

She said her ex-wife called him "my husband" and "the only man I ever loved." The only trouble was that he had so much money he got away from home that he decided there was no use of it.

She divorced him last August in Reno and got a substantial

amount of money and all the things he had. "I don't recall any part of his business," she said.

What were his relations with Virginia Hill?

Mrs. Siegel answered: "I never knew or heard about Virginia Hill until I saw her name in the papers after the murder."

Mrs. Siegel told how she telephoned from New York to Las Vegas on the fatal day and her call was completed to Siegel in Beverly Hills. They arranged for her to come here with their children, Millicent, 16, and Barbara, 11, so Siegel might see his daughters.

The nervous divorcee-widow walked from the District Attorney's office. She left an ash tray filled with lipstick-smears and cigarette stubs.

Hunt Turns East

Meanwhile Simpson ordered a top-notch investigator search the East for a thorough catalog of Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel's gangland connections.

Police here began search for a racketeer who reputedly was badly beaten three weeks ago in a battle at Siegel's Flamingo Club.

Hill's wounds presumably muffled on records as The Flamingo row was the one in which Siegel was apparently in western control of book-

Simpson's men continued digging the files of Murder, and began a thorough search through Federal narcotic records here.

Walter E. Davis, chief clerk of the State Attorney General's office, said he was

not sure of the exact date of the murder but he was sure of the date of the racket activities.

Simpson, Roll, Barnes and Stanley will represent the District Attorney's office at this conference. Lentz also invited Sheriff Eugene W. Biscalluz and Under Sheriff A. C. Jewell.

Two Beverly Hills detectives flew to New York yesterday with extradition papers for Albert Greenberg, suspected of robbing Mrs. Samuel Genis on April 2 in her apartment at 9543 Charleville Blvd., Beverly Hills.

When arrested in New York the day before the Siegel killing, Greenberg said he had been in Siegel's Flamingo Club at Las Vegas from March 30 to April 5 and that Siegel would vouch for this statement. He said the \$174,000 Genis was

LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS
DATED 9-30-47

FBI chief hits public's indifference

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30. (UP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover today blamed public indifference for the current high rate of crime, and he predicted that most communities could be cleaned up in a few hours if the authorities were backed by an aroused citizenry.

The public attitude, he told 500 post-graduate police students at the FBI National Academy, is exemplified by its "honoring" of such world characters as the late

Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, who was killed by gangsters several months ago in a girl friend's Hollywood mansion.

"He and his criminal acum were honized and their favors sought after in so-called respectable social circles," said Hoover.

"The glamor that surrounded his life in all its vile implications was shockingly disgusting. But Siegel was a symbol. He 'fronted' for

more sinister and despicable characters—the 'untouchables' who hire mercenaries to do their dirty work."

Hoover said the nationwide wave of juvenile delinquency is another result of public indifference, typified by neglect of the country's youth.

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Siegel Inquest

Smiley Testifies,
Will Be Recalled



Allen Smiley, who identified Siegel's body, is shown as he testified at the inquest that he was Siegel's associate.



Jerrie Mason, secretary to Virginia Hill, in whose mansion Siegel was slain, and Charles Hill, brother of Miss Hill, are shown as they appeared today at the inquest. They assertedly were in another part of the house when a hail of bullets killed Siegel.

End of Gangland Trail



Here lies Bugsy Siegel, his body in the morgue, with only a tag on his toe to

give identity. "Crime" doesn't pay. Late today his brother claimed the body.

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...the tall, gray-haired Smiley, who barely escaped death himself in the blast that killed Siegel, testified that he was sitting in the livingroom at the home of Virginia Hill, Alabama heiress, with Siegel, when he heard a series of sharp explosions.

"At first I thought it was fire crackers—maybe a gag of some kind," Smiley said.

"Then I turned and saw Siegel slumped on the davenport next to me with four or five holes in his face, all covered with blood."

YELLS FOR POLICE

"In less time than it takes to tell it, I dove to the floor and yelled to the people upstairs (Charles Hill, the heiress' brother, and Miss Jorri Mason, her secretary).

"I shouted, 'Lights out! Call a doctor! Call the police!'

"They wanted to know what had happened, and I yelled back: 'Siegel's been shot. Harry up and get a doctor.'"

A few minutes later Miss Mason came downstairs to the livingroom, and stood beneath a

...out in a hurry, and got up of them," Smiley told the jury.

"Then she put out the lights, and told me that a doctor and the police had been called."

He said he had been sitting nearest the window, directly in the line of fire, and that one of the 30 caliber carbine shots had ripped through his sleeve.

"I didn't even notice it in all the excitement," he said, "until somebody pointed at my coat sleeve when I got to the Beverly Hills police station."

He admitted that he was associated with "Bugsy" as a stockholder in the ganglord's fabulous \$5,000,000 Flamingo gambling casino in Las Vegas, but added:

"I don't know of any trouble that could have caused this shooting, and I have no idea who could have fired the shots."

'A COMPLETE SHOCK'

"It all came as a complete shock to me and I have no inkling of what was behind it."

A few minutes before taking the stand Smiley went to the county morgue, where Siegel's body has lain unclaimed on a slab, and identified the body.

He looked at the body for a few seconds and said laconically: "That's him."

BIG TOE TAGGED

The body was unclad, save for a sheet, and a tag attached to the big toe of the right foot marked the gangster's epitaph.

It read: "June 21, 1947. Homicide. Benjamin Siegel, 310 North Linden drive."

Later the coroner's office was notified by Groman's Mortuary, 830 West Washington boulevard, that they had an order signed by Dr. Maurice Siegel, the slain man's brother, to remove the body for funeral services and burial. Arrangements were being completed today.

A second witness, the flaming red-haired Miss Mason, corroborated Smiley's story before the jury which returned a verdict that the underworld czar's death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage "as a result of gunshot wounds inflicted by a person or persons unknown."

"I was upstairs with Mr. Hill pulling tacks out of a carpet because we were going to move to Florida."

Continuing her testimony, Miss Mason said "we heard a shot downstairs."

"Then I heard Mr. Hill say, 'Let's go down and see what's happened.'"

"They were coming through the windows," he was yelling, "Douse all the lights."

In answer to Chief District Attorney S. Ernest Roll's query as to whether Siegel maintained a room regularly at the Hill home, she said:

"There was a guest room there, and many guests used it."

"Did Mr. Siegel have a key to the door?"

"I don't know," she replied.

PARIS CABLE

Miss Mason also testified that telegram to Charles Hill from his sister was received from Paris in June 20, which read:

"Arrived O. K. Send all of my things in care of Nicholas Feuillatte, 4 Rue de Castiglione, Paris."

Charles Hill also took the stand briefly, relating the same story told by the others.

After the inquest, District Attorney William E. Simpson "invited" Hill and Miss Mason to his office, where they were interrogated at greater length.

District attorney's investigators revealed that Miss Mason, who once was personal hairdresser to Marie "The Body" McDonald, was engaged to Hill and that they planned to marry soon.

Efforts were being made to prevent a large Chicago-style gangster funeral, and keep the services private for the sake of Siegel's two daughters, Barbara, 14, and Millicent, 16, who arrived here from New York last Sunday.

Meanwhile, it was reported from Las Vegas that Miss Hill, who had left for Paris a week before the slaying, became ill from an overdose of sleeping tablets when she visited the Nevada resort town with the gang chief last month, according to Clark County Physician Jack Cherry.

Siegel brought her to the doctor's office on May 3 to drive her stomach pumped out. Dr. Cherry said.

"When I asked them whether it was an accident or a suicide attempt, they would give neither reason nor motive," he said.

RETURNED TO CASINO

He added that Siegel waited until Miss Hill was returned six hours later and took her back to his ornate gambling casino.

Flamingo in Las Vegas the next morning

"He insisted they had not had a row," the doctor said. It was also reported that Siegel kept a list of the enemies he collected while operating one of the world's largest narcotic rings.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: October 17, 1947

FROM : *W* Director, FBI

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL
INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY

For your information in connection with the General Crime Survey program, it has been learned that Virginia Hill is presently vacationing in a cabin at Swan Lake, Montana. She is accompanied by her brother and sister-in-law and all are reportedly armed.

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUCKY" SISKEL
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On 11-1-47, I discussed with [REDACTED] the need for our furnishing information concerning the killing of SISKEL.

[REDACTED] It is to be understood that this is being furnished on a personal basis and he is not to disclose its source.

[REDACTED] also asked if we had furnished the Narcotic Bureau with any information concerning the situation [REDACTED]. He was informed that we have not and he instructed that we do so.

It is recommended that Agent [REDACTED] handle both of these assignments in the near future and that a memorandum be placed in the file reflecting the type of information furnished and the identity of the person to whom it was given.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: November 5, 1947

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BOAST" SIEGEL

[redacted] telephoned November 4, 1947 with further reference to the Bureau's letter instructing that information furnished be turned over to some contact in the [redacted] and our suggestion that instead we furnish it to a contact in [redacted]

He stated that the Bureau has no objection to this procedure but does feel that the information should get into the hands of some law enforcement agency investigating the case. We are however not to reveal the source of our information.

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Brother Seeks Estate of Slain 'Bugsie' Siegel

Permission to obtain control of the estate left by Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel, slain gambling czar, was requested yesterday by his brother, Maurice Siegel, in a petition filed in Superior Court.

Maurice Siegel, residing at 142 Holmby Ave., told the court that Public Administrator Ben H. Brown, who took charge of the estate at the instance of Atty. Gen. Fred N. Howser in the height of the investigation into the killing, is ready to give up control.

Besides assets in Brown's possession, the new petition states, Bugsie Siegel left California personal property worth approximately \$10,000.

Maurice Siegel listed as chief heirs his brother's two daughters, Millicent, 16, and Barbara, 14, living in New York City with their mother, Mrs. Estelle Siegel, who had divorced their father.

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Siegel

Brother Asks Court Of 'Bugsy's' Estate

Maurice Siegel, Los Angeles physician, today had on Superior Court a petition for control of the estate of his brother, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, slain gambling king, who was shot to death June 20, in Beverly Hills.

The petition said that "Bugsy" was a Nevada resident but left personal property worth \$10,000 in California plus whatever assets were taken over by Public Administrator Ben Brown after the unsolved killing.

It listed as principal heirs Bugsy's daughters, Millicent, 16, and Barbara, 14, living in New York City with their mother, Estelle, divorced wife of Siegel; his mother, Mrs. Jennie Siegel, and two sisters, Mrs. Ether Fahn and Miss Ethel Siegel, all of Brooklyn, N. Y., and another sister, Mrs. Bessie Soloway, Beverly Hills.

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Brother Seeks Estate of Slain 'Bugsie' Siegel

Permission to obtain control of the estate left by Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel, slain gambling czar, was requested yesterday by his brother, Maurice Siegel, in a petition filed in Superior Court.

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TO : SAC

DATE: November 5, 1947

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b2

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL;

* FRANK COSTELLO;

BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL (lead)

MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On November 3, 1947, [REDACTED] telephonically advised the writer that he has been in close contact with an investigator for the Department of Internal Revenue in Los Angeles, [REDACTED] who has advised the informant that the Department of Internal Revenue in Los Angeles is presently checking the whereabouts of VIRGINIA HILL. b2 b7c b7d

The writer asked the informant if he knew whether the Department of Internal Revenue had a warrant outstanding for the apprehension of VIRGINIA HILL, and the informant did not know. However, [REDACTED] has told him that the California Department of Justice was also looking for VIRGINIA HILL, and that [REDACTED] wanted to be the first one to locate her. [REDACTED] had advised the informant that it was believed that VIRGINIA HILL had come to Los Angeles last week from Las Vegas, Nevada. b2c

[REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] heard that a FRANK CASILLI "from back East" was reported to be in town. The writer explained to the informant that he had no knowledge of the identity of CASILLI and wondered if the informant did not mean FRANK COSTELLO, the New York gangster. b2 b7c b7d

Informant advised that he understood from [REDACTED] that CASILLI was in Los Angeles. [REDACTED] b2 b7c

The above informant specifically wanted to know if the writer would help him to determine the whereabouts of VIRGINIA HILL in order that this information could be forwarded. [REDACTED] At this time the writer told the informant that he did not know the whereabouts of VIRGINIA HILL, inasmuch as no inquiries had ever been made by the writer to determine her whereabouts. b2

Within 30 minutes after the above informant contacted the writer, the informant again telephoned the writer and advised that he had found out from [REDACTED] that the individual he was referring to was not a FRANK CASILLI but was FRANK COSTELLO, the New York gangster. The informant wanted to know if the writer knew anything about the presence of COSTELLO in Los Angeles, and the [REDACTED] b2

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RE: VIRGINIA HILL; FRANK COSTELLO;
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writer told him that the Los Angeles Daily News had had a front page item concerning the departure of Mr. COSTELLO from Los Angeles.

The informant was again insistent, stating that "it would be a feather in his cap" to be able to tell [redacted] any information concerning the whereabouts of VIRGINIA HILL and FRANK COSTELLO. The writer was emphatic in telling the informant that he could not divulge any information nor did he have any information concerning the above individuals. bx

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Brother asks control of Siegel estate

A petition for control of the estate of the late Benjamin (Don't Call Me Buggy) Siegel, lethally carbined mobster, was filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court today.

The action was taken by Maurice Siegel, brother of Buggy, who asked that the estate be withdrawn from control of Public Administrator Ben H. Brown in favor of the petitioner.

No estimate of the estate's value was given, but Maurice said the estate still under Brown's control included personal property worth approximately \$10,000, all in California.

The petition listed the heirs as Millicent, 16, and Barbara, 14, the mobster's daughters; Mrs. Jennie Siegel, his mother; Mrs. Fred Fahn and Mrs. Ethel Siegel, sisters, of New York; Mrs. Bessie Soloway, 721 N. Doheny Dr., Beverly Hills, a sister, and Mrs. Estelle Siegel, New York, his divorced wife.

Siegel was eradicated last June 20 while seated with Abe Smickoff, alias Allan Smiley, on a davenport in the home of Virginia Hill, phantom heiress who was absent in Europe, at 810 N. Linden Dr., Beverly Hills.

Smickoff was seated at the opposite end of the davenport while Siegel luxuriated conveniently under a reading lamp.

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TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: 12/12/47

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL;
RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ANGELES DIVISION

As per your instructions, the writer, upon the direction of Supervisor [REDACTED] on 12/9/47, at 11:00 A. M., contacted [REDACTED] at his office. [REDACTED] at the out set

was requested to keep his source of information in this matter strictly confidential. He was advised that the information was being given to him because of the confidence you have in him and because of his association with the National Academy. He was told that according to a man whose identity could not be disclosed, it has been learned [REDACTED] was behind the SIEGEL killing on June 20, 1947. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] took this information in good spirit and spoke as though [REDACTED] had not occurred to him before, but was, upon reflection, a likely suspect. At the conclusion he was requested again to maintain his source of information strictly confidential and this he promised to do, again remarking on his appreciation of your confidence.

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CRIME SURVEY, PHOENIX DIVISION. REMITEL DECEMBER TWELVE LAST,
PHOENIX PD ADVISES MRS. NORMA HALL IS IDENTICAL WITH VIRGINIA
HILL, WHO ARRIVED PHOENIX, ARIZONA NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST
AND CHECKED IN AT PARADISE INN, AND WHO ON DECEMBER TEN LAST
AT FOUR THIRTY PM ENTERED GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, PHOENIX,
SUFFERING FROM BARNITRATE POISONING. VIRGINIA HILL STILL
CONFINED GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL. [REDACTED] PHOENIX, b2c
ADVISES VIRGINIA HILL CLAIMS TO HAVE ARRIVED IN PHOENIX WITH
FEMALE COMPANION. DENIES SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY OR HAS BEEN
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Siegel's Girl Found Here In Hospital

By GENE McLAIN

POLICE said they found Virginia Hill, 25-year-old heiress and sweetheart of the slain gang leader, Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, recovering in Good Samaritan Hospital early yesterday from an overdose of sleeping powder.

She was located by the newly created police hoodlum detail, acting on a tip that November 24 she checked into exclusive Paradise Inn, northeast of Phoenix, closely followed by three men the officers described as "typical hoods."

A search for the trio was under way last night.

THE WOMAN refused to admit her identity, but Earl O'Clair, police chief, said it had been confirmed by photographs.

The pretty brunette—in whose paternal Beverly Hills, Calif. home Siegel was shot to death, gangland-style, last June 20—was found unconscious on a floor in the swank resort Wednesday afternoon and was taken to the hospital, police said. She was admitted under another name.

She was reported recovering, but extremely nervous yesterday. She refused to admit her identity to newspapermen, but a check disclosed her expensive automobile at the inn was registered to Charles E. Hill of Miami Beach, Fla., brother of the dead gangster's sweetheart.

Sheriff Cal Boies said Miss Hill admitted her identity to one of his deputies in a hospital conference and insisted she came to Phoenix accompanied only by "a girl friend."

UNDER THE influence of the native, she reportedly said that "gangsters" were after her life and that she intended to "beat them to it." She also admitted her.

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Siegel's Girl Found Here

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identity, police said they learned, and told of the slain Siegel.

But not only at the hospital, but also at the inn, she was registered under a different name.

Chief O'Clair said hunt for the three men will be pressed and that this was the reason for locating Miss Hill.

"We know there's an increasing influx of gangsters here and we want to know who they are and what they intend to do," O'Clair said. "We want to run them out, if possible."

He said he believes the men are bodyguards, rather than "guns" seeking the life of Miss Hill.

POLICE recalled, however, that gangland rumors have said Miss Hill would be slain.

Siegel, reputed to be the lord of horse race bookmaking operations in Arizona, California and Nevada, was shot as he sat on a couch in the Moorish-style mansion while Miss Hill was in France. She since reportedly, attempted suicide twice with sleeping powder.

motive for the slaying never was established but Fred N. Howser, California attorney general, said he was convinced it resulted from an underworld battle over bookie wire services. Siegel supposedly was attempting to set up his own service.

He had been the owner of the luxurious Flamingo Club in Las Vegas, Nev., and was reputed to have underworld connections along the Pacific coast.

AT THE INN, Miss Hill and a friend who registered with her preferred to remain alone, even to the extent of taking their meals in their room. Her companion had returned to her Chicago home before Miss Hill took the sleeping powder.

After her recovery from the sedative, Miss Hill deposited \$1,200 in the hospital safe.

Meanwhile, whether the swagging Siegel secreted a fortune derived from his underworld operations or died in comparative poverty was a question worrying Ben H. Brown, Los Angeles public administrator, according to the Associated Press.

Although persistent rumors have given Siegel huge estates in Nevada, New York and Cuba, Brown said, little of value has been uncovered in California.

TWO SAFETY deposit boxes yielded a \$20 gold piece, several gold nuggets, six Mexican gold coins, a watch, some rings and cufflinks and a \$2,000 insurance policy in favor of Siegel's mother, Jennie Siegel of Brooklyn, Brown reported.

The dead gang chief's brother, Dr. Maurice Siegel of Los Angeles, obtained letters of administration Thursday for personal property in California, valued at approximately \$10,000.

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Virginia's At It Again —

Sleep Pills Are Getting To Be A Habit

By Ernest Mancinelli

It's getting to be a habit with 31-year-old Virginia Hill, heiress and girl friend of slain Mobster-Gambler Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, who turned up in Good Samaritan Hospital today—again with an overdose of sleeping tablets.

Police Chief Earl L. O'Clair's newly-organized hoodlum detail reported that the thrice-married Miss Hill checked in last Nov. 24 at swank Paradise Inn.

Virginia has kept her activities here, as everywhere else, well-cloaked in secrecy, but according to Sheriff Cal Boles she apparently made an attempt to

end her life here—the fifth time she has suffered an overdose of sleeping potions.

Out To 'Beat' Gangsters

She reportedly told one of Sheriff Boles' deputies that "gangsters were after her life" and that she intended to "beat them to it."

See Picture, Page 12

It was in Virginia's palatial Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion last June 20 that Bugsy Siegel was shot to death by mobster bullets. Virginia was in Paris at the time.

Miss Hill arrived in Phoenix

in the company of three men, who are being sought by police for questioning. They presumably came from Las Vegas, Nev., where the Siegel once was associated in the operation of the lush Flamingo Club, built with Phoenix money.

TIMES Staffers Harry Orcutt and T. L. Johns, in an effort to get a picture of Virginia, who bitterly dislikes newspapermen, entered Good Samaritan Hospital last night posing as a patient and an interne, respectively.

Picture Attempt Fails

Photographer Orcutt aboard wheelchair with a camera concealed under a blanket, was

wheeled by white-coated into Virginia's room, but at been moved—the third since she entered the hospital.

She entered the hospital her own staff of private doctors and nurses, using the "Norma Hall."

Since last May 5 Virginia has had five different occasions as the victim of an overdose of sleeping pills. She flew to Paris that month and made two attempts to "get from memories" at Nice, Paris, both following news (Turn to VIRGINIA—Page 12)

Virginia

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Boyfriend Bugsy was murdered.

Coming back to the United States in August, Virginia went to her Miami Beach, Fla., mansion where in a few days began the installation of lights and an elaborate guard system around the home to ward off inquiring newsmen. On Aug. 24 she was admitted to Miami Beach Hospital suffering another overdose of sleeping capsules on her 31st birthday and lingered near death as her condition was complicated with bronchial pneumonia.

Virginia Hill was born in Holland, the daughter of an American mother and a half-Indian father named Mack Hill, an Alabama horse and mule trader.

She spent her early childhood in Bessemer, Ala., where she was one of nine children, known as "Tabby" then.

Married at 14

At 14 she was married to George Rogers and this was later annulled with a substantial settlement. This was the first of three marriages.

Later she married Ossie Griffith, Iowa football star, and still later Carlos Valdez, Mexican tango-rumba dancer.

How Virginia obtained her fortune has always been a mystery. She has told newsmen she is an heiress.

But her brother, Charles Hill in Miami Beach, when asked how Virginia got her money, said: "An heiress? If she's an heiress, it's the first time I ever heard about it."

Whether Siegel and Virginia had planned marriage was never established. But Brother Charles, to whom Miss Hill's expensive car in Phoenix is registered, once disclosed that Siegel told him he wanted to marry her.

Lavish Spender

Virginia was one of Hollywood's most lavish spenders.

Her lavish parties at Sunset Strip night spots and at Moorish Mansion where Bugsy got his, often ran to \$7,500 per throw.

In one year she was reported to have spent \$70,000 in night clubs in Hollywood and New York.

Meantime in Los Angeles, there was speculation as to whether Siegel died in poverty or had secreted a fortune derived from his underworld operations.

Finds Little of Value

Public Administrator Ben H. Brown disclosed that although there are persistent rumors of huge estates in Nevada, New York and Cuba, he has been unable to uncover much of value in California.

Brown said that two safety deposit boxes had yielded a \$20 gold piece, several gold nuggets, six Mexican gold coins, a watch, some rings and cuff links, and a \$2,000 insurance policy in

favor of Bugsy's mother, Jennie Siegel of Brooklyn. Siegel's brother, Dr. M. Siegel of Los Angeles, obligated letters of administration yesterday for personal property California value at approximately \$10,000.

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Virginia Hill bests pill dose

PHOENIX, Dec. 11-AP- Good Samaritan Hospital nurses reported today that Virginia Hill, girl friend of slain Bugsy Siegel, had recovered sufficiently from an overdose of sleeping tablets to be "indignant" over publicity she had received.

Meanwhile, Sheriff's Capt. Stanley Kimball said investigation expanded reports that Miss Hill was accompanied to Phoenix by a bodyguard of two men.

"Her only companion was a woman who gave the name of Mrs. Nettler and who has returned to Chicago, from where she registered," Kimball said.

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 FROM : SA [REDACTED]
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
 BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL
 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING-
 CRIME SURVEY

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On November 24, 1947 while the writer was conducting an investigation in connection with the location of [REDACTED] was... FUGITIVE, UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (ASSAULT)

[REDACTED] advised the writer that he had previously contacted SAC R. B. HOOD at the conclusion of the graduation exercises of a Police School held in Pomona, California in October 1947; asking Mr. HOOD if this Office was interested in the killing of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL. [REDACTED] stated that he now realized that the above question was not appropriately made to Mr. HOOD in a public group, and that he felt that he had information which would be of assistance to this Office in connection with this killing.

[REDACTED] stated that he presently has incarcerated in the [REDACTED] who was associated with [REDACTED] and others in connection with the Mocambo holdup in January 1947. [REDACTED] has become friendly with [REDACTED] and feels that he as well as [REDACTED] of the same institution have gained confidence to the extent that he will furnish them with information that he would not furnish to any other individuals.

[REDACTED] introduced the writer to [REDACTED] who advised that he was present when [REDACTED] had come to the Institution and thoroughly interrogated concerning the theft of jewelry in which the [REDACTED] were implicated. [REDACTED] was present during the interrogation and subsequently realized that [REDACTED] had not furnished [REDACTED] with the correct information; although [REDACTED] felt that he had received good information. [REDACTED] with this fact, and [REDACTED] stated that he would not furnish any information to [REDACTED] because "he could not be trusted." In this connection [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] and the others connected with this jewelry theft had told him that they, including the [REDACTED] would have to "take the rap" in order that the "higher up individuals" would not be implicated in this jewel theft. [REDACTED] also advised that when he pleaded guilty to the Mocambo holdup that he was promised by higher ups that he "would have things easy at San Quentin Penitentiary, and that many facilities would be afforded him. However,

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Re: [REDACTED] b7c

**BENJAMIN BUGSY SIEGEL
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when he was incarcerated in San Quentin things were not just as they were set out to him, and he feels that he has been double crossed. [REDACTED] has told [REDACTED] that he associated with the elements who knew about the killing of SIEGEL, and that he could furnish information concerning the exact whereabouts of the Carbine which was used to kill SIEGEL, and that he would furnish this information only to Federal Agents, and not to the Local Law Enforcement Office. Inasmuch as he could not trust them he added that since he had been incarcerated at San Quentin he had directed a letter to the FBI requesting that he be interrogated by Bureau Agents; inasmuch as he could furnish vital information; however, he added that at no time had he been in contact with the FBI. b7c

As a suggestion [REDACTED] felt that it would be to the advantage of this Office if [REDACTED] would be interrogated by an agent who had knowledge concerning the activities of the underworld; as well as the various associates [REDACTED] in order to ascertain what vital information he can give. b7c

The writer suggested to [REDACTED] that the above facts would be brought to the attention of Mr. HOOD, and that if an agent were to enter the Institution to interview [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] be contacted at his home, [REDACTED] in order that other employees at the Institution would not know that the agent was appearing there to interrogate [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] advised that the best hours to interview [REDACTED] would be in the evening when the other inmates would have no knowledge of the interview. He added that [REDACTED] recently has been interrogated on several occasions by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office with negative results. [REDACTED] are of the opinion that [REDACTED] can furnish pertinent information to this Office. b7c

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT:

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LA file 62-2837

Re memo [REDACTED] night clerk (62-2469-2475).

Inasmuch as the anonymous caller who contacted night clerk [REDACTED] stated that he had taken the killer of SIEGEL to the address 130 North Croft Avenue, LA, the writer checked the telephone criss-cross directory and ascertained that there is listed therein the following persons at this address:

[REDACTED] b7c

The writer made a pretext telephone call to York 7957 and ascertained from [REDACTED] (phonetic), who answered after the maid said "hello", that [REDACTED] resided there and that no individuals known as [REDACTED] or as other Italians resided in the immediate neighborhood, except for some Italians three doors south of her at 126 North Croft Avenue. b7c

A further check of the telephone criss-cross directory for 126 North Croft Avenue reflects that one [REDACTED] resides there and his telephone number is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also resides there with [REDACTED] and has the same telephone listing.

A check of the office indices for any of the above names was negative. It is significant to note that the address 130 North Croft Ave. is not far from Michael Cohen's Haberdashery on Santa Monica Boulevard.

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Phoenix Drug Victim Identified as Virginia Hill

PHOENIX, Dec. 12. (U.P.)—Virginia Hill, girl friend of the late mobster, Benjamin (Bugle) Siegel, tonight is recovering in Good Samaritan Hospital from an overdose of sleeping pills, police reported.

The woman, who refused to admit her identity, was identified as Bugle's red-haired associate by Police Chief Earl O'Clair.

"We are satisfied that she is Virginia Hill despite her attempts to hide her identity," O'Clair said, "but what we are more interested in are her associates in the Phoenix area."

O'Clair said his officers were barred from the woman's guarded hospital room here when she threatened to sue the institution if her privacy was invaded.

'Had No Authority'

"We had no legal authority to demand admission to her room," O'Clair said.

Miss Hill registered at the Paradise Inn here Nov. 24 as "Mrs. Norma Hall of Chicago." Two days ago a maid found her unconscious in her room and the inn's management summoned Dr. Lewis Baldwin, who had her taken to the hospital. He said she was recovering from an overdose of sleeping medicine and would remain in the hospital a few days.

Guards Are Posted

Guards were posted after two private detectives warned hospital officials the "Chicago underworld" might attempt her life.

The warning was given to the hospital's night superintendent of nurses. The two detectives



BETTER—Virginia Hill, red covering in Phoenix hospital from drug overdose.

asked that under no circumstances should anyone be permitted to visit her. Siegel was slain at Miss Hill's Beverly Hills house last June 20 by an assassin who fired through an open window. Miss Hill was in France.

Virginia Hill has been the victim of numerous previous overdoses of sleeping pills both in Europe and this country since Siegel's death. On two occasions in France she was hospitalized and when she returned to the United States in August she also took an overdose.

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Virginia Hill leaves hospital

PHOENIX, Dec. 20.-UPI-Red-haired Virginia Hill, girl friend of slain mobster Bugsy Siegel, checked out of Good Samaritan Hospital here last midnight, apparently fully recovered from an overdose of sleeping tablets.

Hospital officials said she did not disclose to them where she was going. Their records merely show she was discharged with approval of her physician, Dr. Louis Baldwin.

Miss Hill was taken to the hospital a week ago Wednesday after she was found unconscious by a maid on the floor of her room at the swank Paradise Inn, a desert winter resort.

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Virginia Hill Leaves Hospital

By United Press

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Virginia Quits Hospital
 PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 20.—(AP)—
 Virginia Hill, in whose Beverly
 Hills, Calif., home Benjamin
 (Bugsy) Siegel was shot in gang-
 and fashion earlier this year,
 left Good Samaritan Hospital late
 last night.

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Virginia Hill Quits Hospital

Red-haired Virginia Hill, girl friend of Bugsie Siegel, slain mobster, checked out of Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., last midnight, apparently fully recovered from an overdose of sleeping tablets.

Hospital officials said she did not disclose where she was going. Their records merely show that she was discharged with approval of her physician, Dr. Louis Baldwin, according to a United Press dispatch.

Miss Hill was taken to the hospital a week ago Wednesday after she was found unconscious by a maid on the floor of her room at the Paradise Inn.

Robert T. Evans, manager of the inn, said Miss Hill did not return there. He said all of her luggage had been sent to the hospital and her car disappeared from the inn parking lot the day following her hospitalization.

It was the fourth time Miss Hill has been hospitalized after taking overdoses of sleeping medicines since Siegel was gunned to death last June 20 in her Beverly Hills mansion.

Her first overdose was taken in Paris, the next two in Florida.

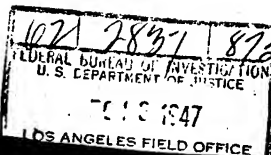
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'Bugsy's' Estate

Brother Given Control by Court

Maurice Siegel, Los Angeles physician, yesterday was granted control of the estate of his brother, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, erstwhile gambling king who was shot to death last June 20 in the Beverly Hills home of a girl friend, Virginia Hill.

Dr. Siegel asked Superior Judge Newcomb Condee for letters of administration to the dead gambling czar's estate which has been controlled since "Bugsy's" death by Public Administrator Ben H. Brown at the request of Attorney General Fred N. Howser, who was investigating Siegel's murder.

Judge Condee granted the doctor's petition so the slain gambler's estate could be distributed to his heirs.

Principal heirs are "Bugsy's" daughters, Millicent, 16, and Barbara, 14, living in New York City with their mother, Mrs. Estelle Siegel, who had divorced their father. Other heirs were Siegel's mother, Mrs. Jenny Siegel, and two sisters, Mrs. Fred Fahn and Ethel Siegel, all of Brooklyn, N. Y., and another sister, Mrs. Besie Soloway, Beverly Hills.

Besides assets in Brown's possession, the petition stated "Bugsy" left personal property in California worth \$10,000.

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'Bugsy' Left \$2000 Policy

Only California assets of Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, gambling figure, were a few trinkets and a \$2000 life insurance policy, according to a final accounting of his estate approved yesterday in Superior Court.

All the property was ordered handed to his brother, Dr. Maurice Siegel, by Judge Newcomb Condee.

The last accounting was rendered by the Public Administrator, who took charge of Bugsy's property at request of the Attorney General during investigation of the gambler's slaying last June 30.

The account showed a watch, cuff links, a bracelet and other jeweled pieces, American and Mexican gold coins and the policy payable to Bugsy's mother, Mrs. Jennie Siegel, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

January 13, 1948

TO : [REDACTED]
FROM : [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: THE KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUCKY" SIEGEL

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At the time the writer asked this informant why she had not contacted this office at all after the killing of SIEGEL on June 21, 1947, knowing that this office had established contact with her to ascertain SIEGEL'S activities, she stated that she "had laid low" because she was frightened. She was frightened because she thought that she might be brought into the investigation of the killing of SIEGEL. However, she stated that she has not been questioned by anyone, and that she has been very inquisitive and wanted to talk to Agents about the shooting.

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The only information that this informant has been able to develop since the killing of SIBGEL is as follows:

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The informant did not know the whereabouts of VIRGINIA HILL, but is certain [REDACTED] has some connection with the "mob", because she was very friendly with SIBGEL and the associates who surrounded him. b7c

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] took no action in ascertaining information
concerning the killing of SIEGEL because she did not want to be caught as an
associate of SIEGEL or VIRGINIA HILL. b7D

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